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The Honorable Lewis J. Liman
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: *Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, et al.*, 21 Civ. 5706 (LJL)

Dear Judge Liman:

This Office represents the defendants United States Fish and Wildlife Service (“FWS”), Martha Williams, in her official capacity as Director of FWS, and Debra Haaland, in her official capacity as Secretary of the Interior (collectively, the “Government”), in the above-referenced case brought by Plaintiffs Center for Biological Diversity, Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc., Waterkeepers Chesapeake, Inc., Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association, and Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association (collectively, “Plaintiffs”). We write respectfully pursuant to Part 1.D of the Court’s Individual Rules & Practices in Civil Cases to request a further one-week extension of the briefing schedule for the parties’ cross-motions for summary judgment. This is the Government’s second request for an extension of the briefing schedule, and Plaintiffs consent to this request.

Pursuant to the briefing schedule entered by the Court on August 17, 2022, Dkt. No. 44, Plaintiffs’ filed their motion for summary judgment on October 28, 2022. On December 16, 2022, the Court granted the Government’s unopposed motion for an extension of the briefing schedule. Dkt. No. 62. The Government respectfully requests that the Court extending the remaining deadlines by one additional week, as follows:

- Government’s opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment due by February 3, 2023;
- Plaintiffs’ opposition and reply brief due by March 3, 2023; and
- Government’s reply brief due by March 31, 2023.

The Government makes this request to provide sufficient time for completion and review of the Government’s cross-motion and opposition. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the Court extend the briefing schedule.

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We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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